PZZT-
PHAT-

MR. CONDUCTOR,
THE REPAIRS ARE FINISHED.
I THINK IT'S OKAY TO TAKE OFF NOW.

GOOD.
IT SEEMS THAT IT'S ALL SETTLED HERE AS WELL.
I TRANSFERED ALL THE PASSENGERS TO EACH OF THEIR PLACES.
THE STAGE WILL BE OPENED IN A MONTH JUST AS PLANNED.

START
THE ENGINE.

RATTLE-
RATTLE-

RATTLE-

RATTLE-

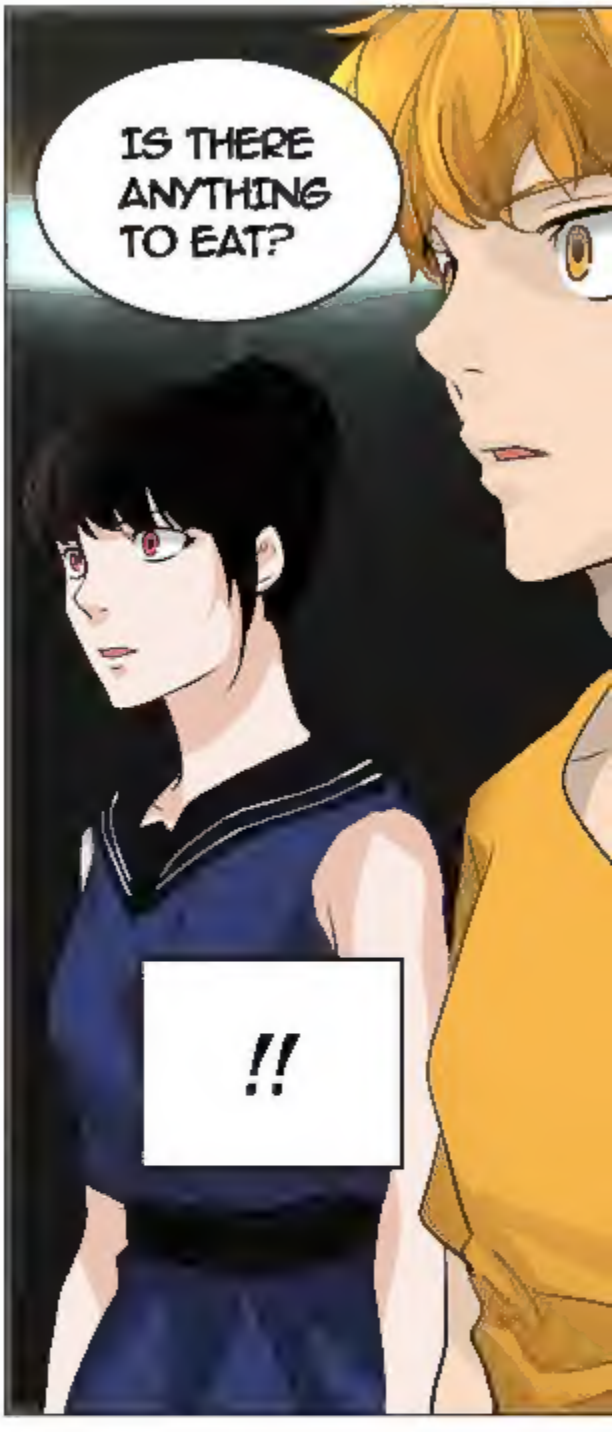
....?

IS THE TRAIN TAKING OFF AGAIN?

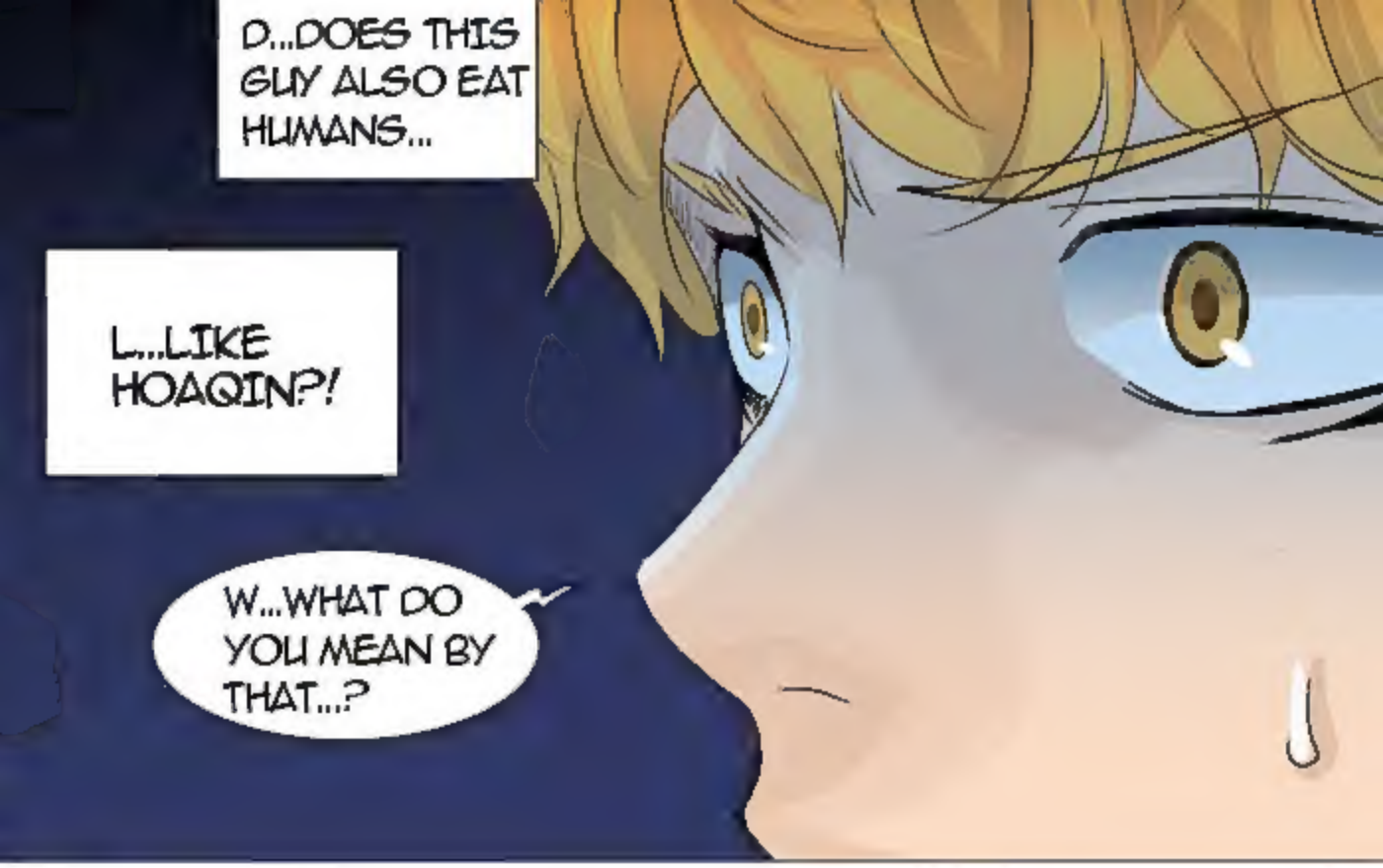
RATTLE-

GROWL
.....
GROWL

HEY...
I'M A BIT
HUNGRY.


IS THERE
ANYTHING
TO EAT?
!!

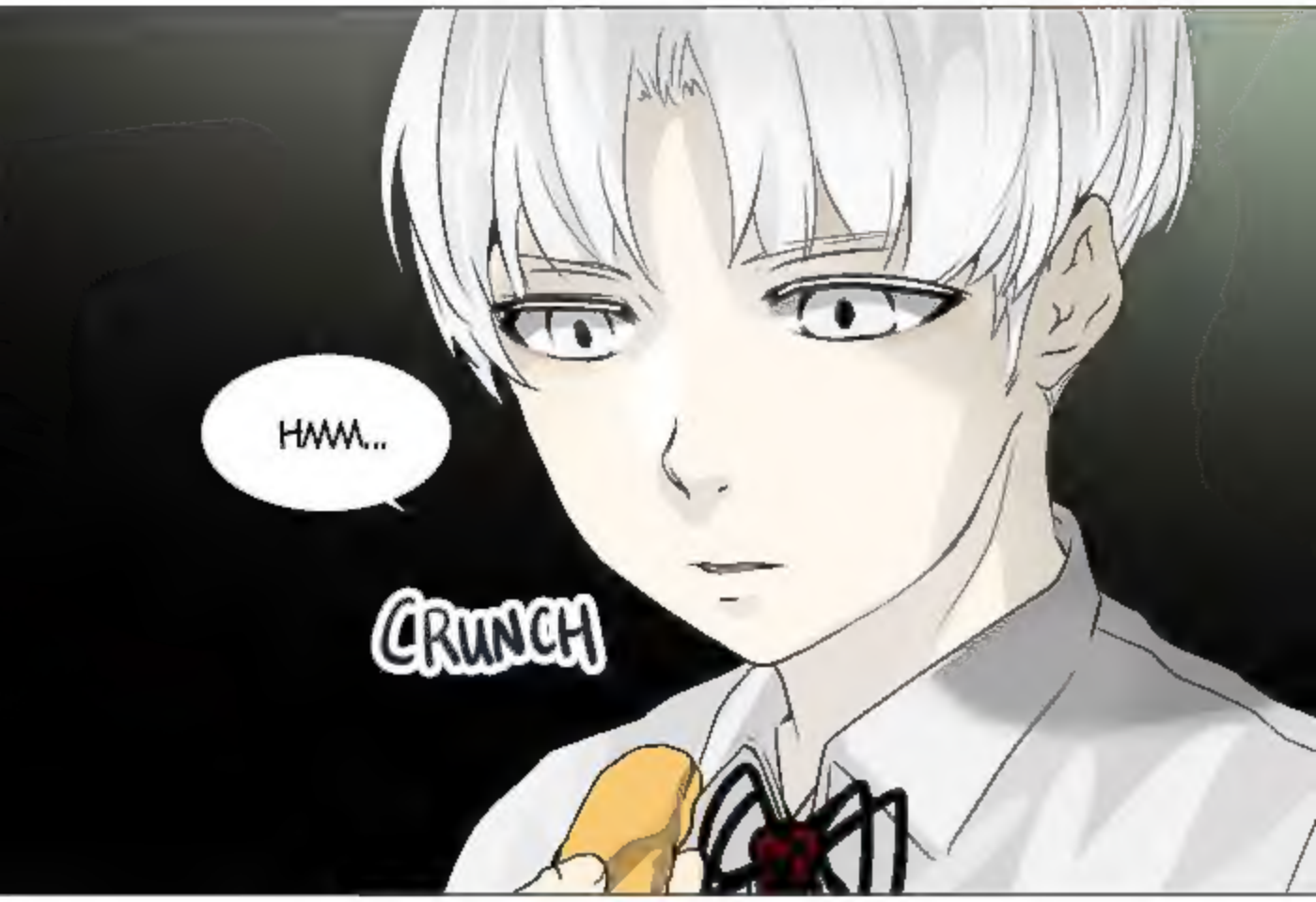
A..ANYTHING
TO EAT?!


D...DOES THIS GUY ALSO EAT HUMANS...
L...LIKE HOAQIN?!
W...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?

I MEAN, SOMETHING LIKE SNACKS.
SNACKS?!

HERE-

AH!!
I DO HAVE SOME!
EMM..
BANANA-SHAPED CHIPS..
YOU'VE GOT THE TASTE OF A KID.
IT'S NOT FOR ME, BUT FOR MR. CROCODILE.
WHY DON'T YOU TASTE IT FIRST AND SEE IF YOU LIKE IT..


HMM...
CRUNCH

IT'S NOT BAD.
THANK YOU FOR THE CHIPS.

STEP-
STEP-
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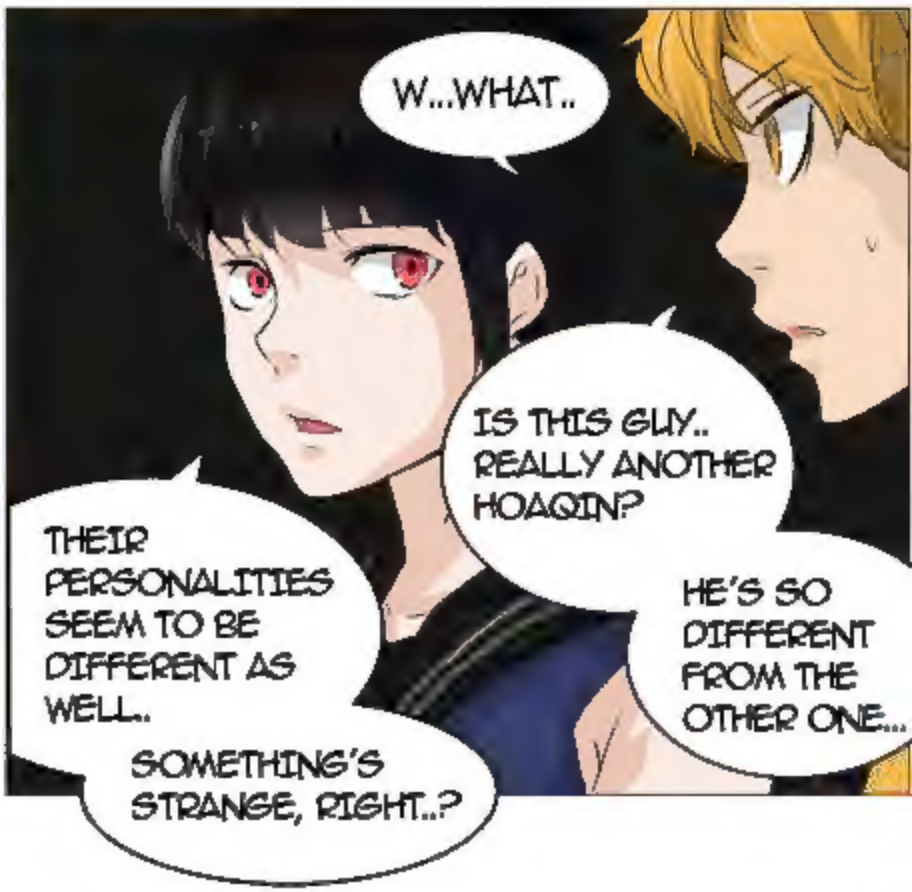
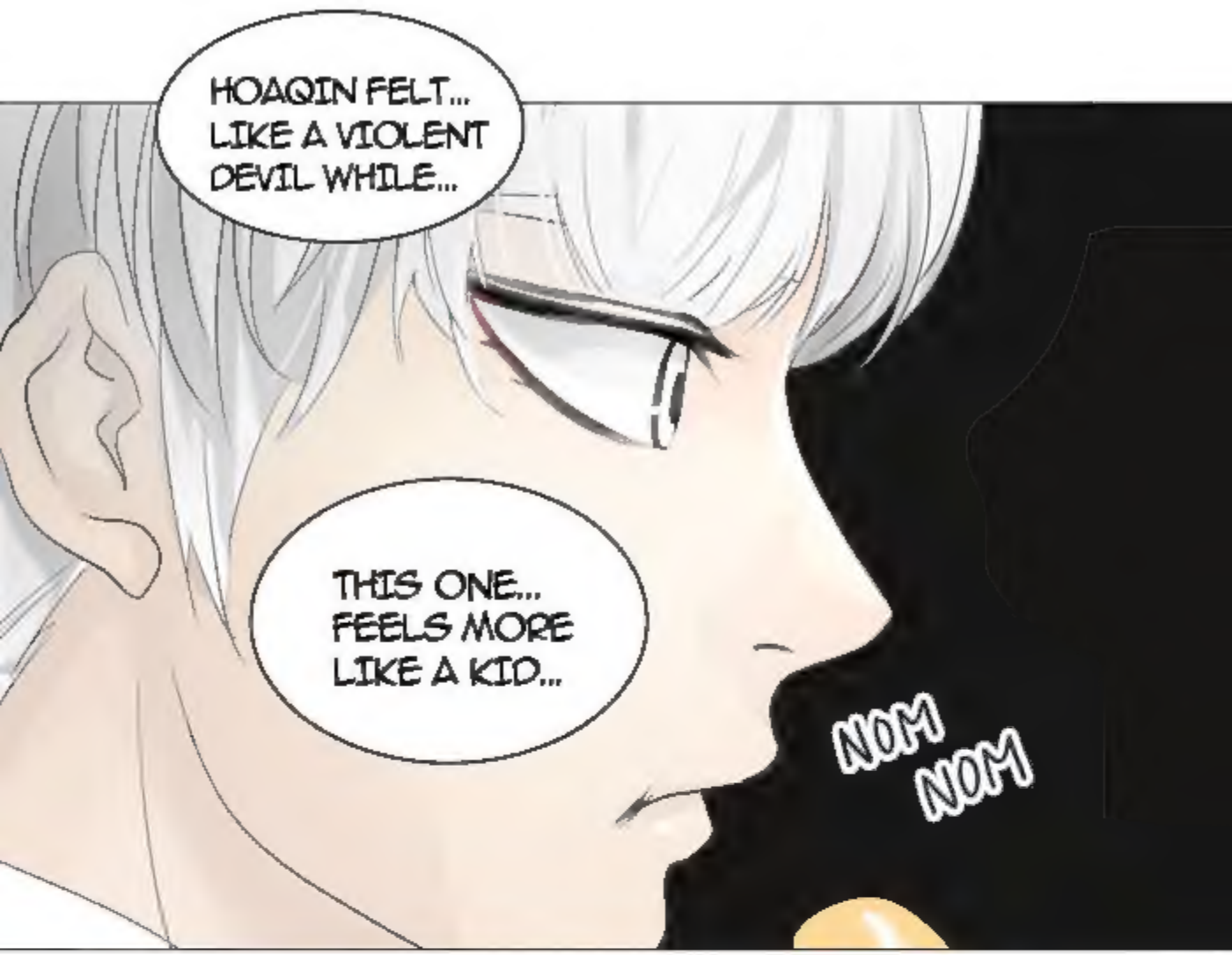

W...WHAT..
IS THIS GUY.. REALLY ANOTHER HOAQIN?
HE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ONE...
THEIR PERSONALITIES SEEM TO BE DIFFERENT AS WELL..
SOMETHING'S STRANGE, RIGHT..?


HOAQIN FELT... LIKE A VIOLENT DEVIL WHILE...
THIS ONE... FEELS MORE LIKE A KID...
NOM NOM

...WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN WHEN THAT GUY MEETS HOAQIN?
WILL THEY BECOME ONE.. AND GET STRONGER...?

...IT SOUNDS RIDICULOUS, BUT...
IT COULD BE POSSIBLE...

WHAAAT?!
B..BECOME ONE?!
LET'S TELL HIM THAT WE'LL TAKE HIM TO HOAQIN, AND SEE WHAT HE IS UP TO.
AND FIND OUT... WHAT KIND OF A GUY HE IS...
SO THAT WE CAN THINK OF SOME KIND OF A PLAN...

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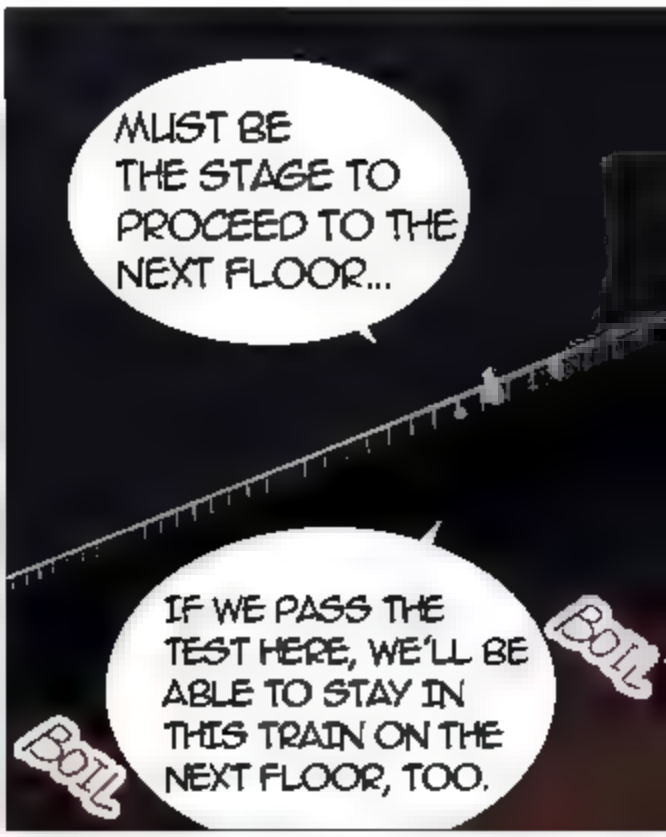
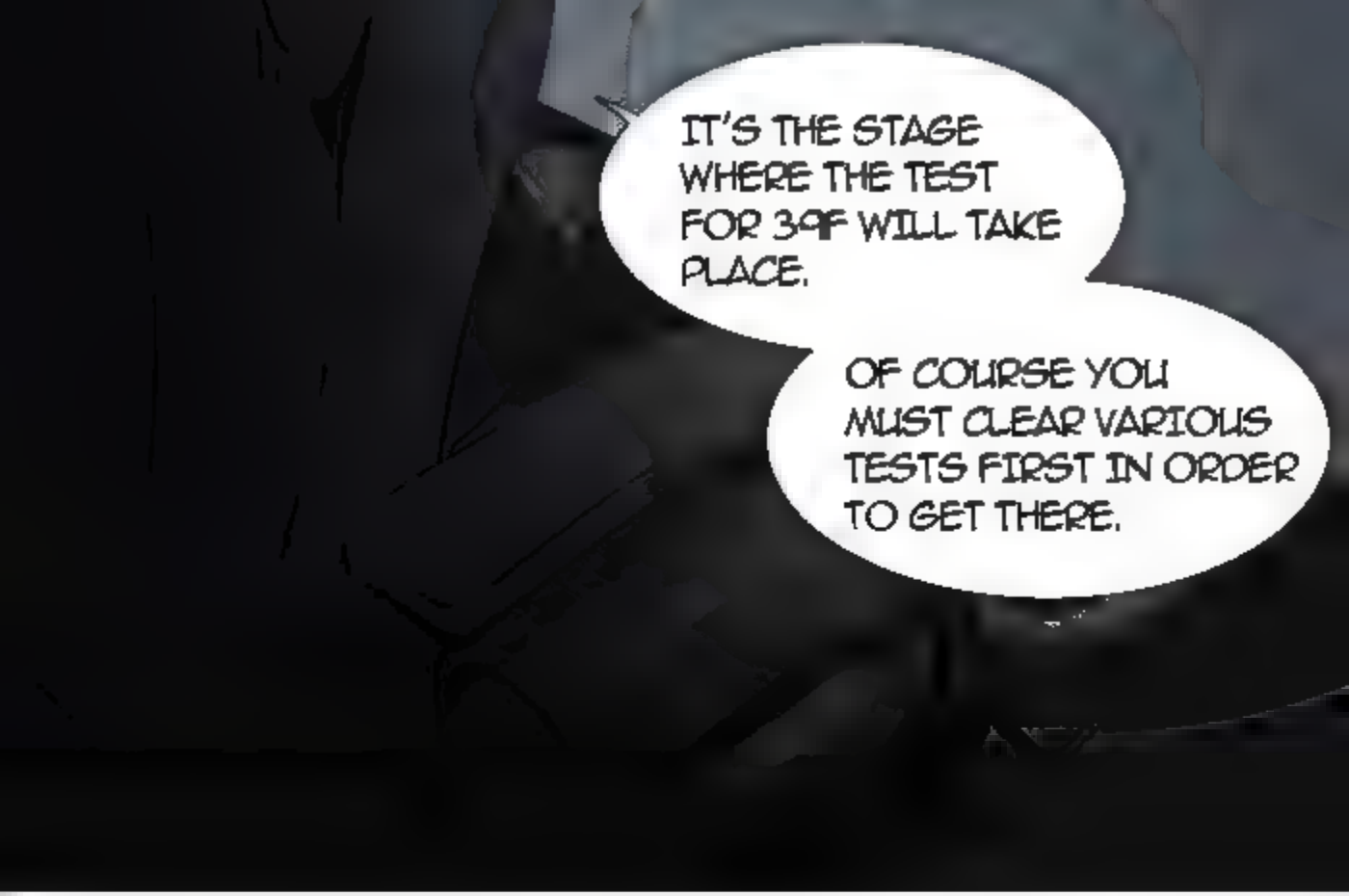
INSIDE
THE HELL TRAIN
STAGE 3

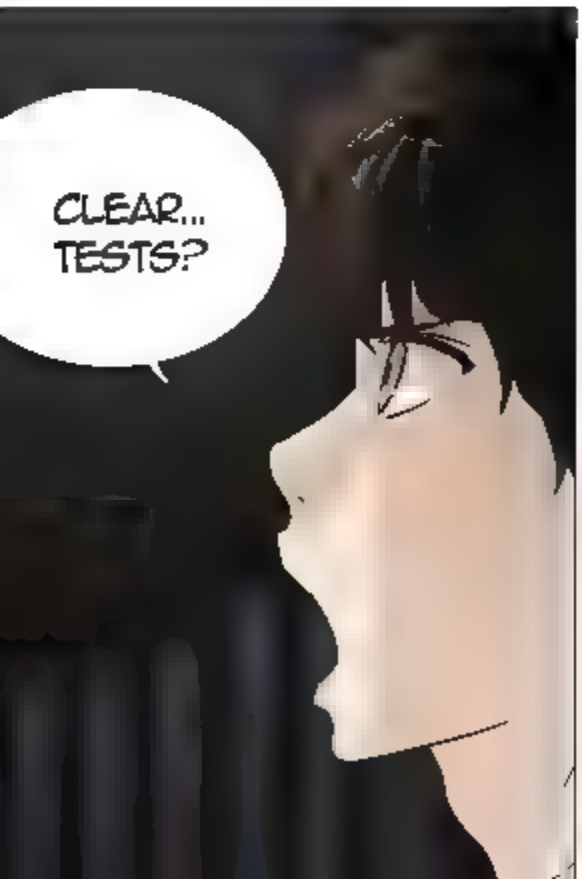
...THIS PLACE..


MUST BE THE STAGE TO PROCEED TO THE NEXT FLOOR...
IF WE PASS THE TEST HERE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO STAY IN THIS TRAIN ON THE NEXT FLOOR, TOO.
BOIL
BOIL

IF WE FAIL, WE'LL BE SENT TO THE INNER TOWER OF THIS FLOOR.
I SEE..
SO, THIS MUST BE THE PLACE THAT MAN WAS TALKING ABOUT...

FIVE MINUTES AGO
CONDUCTOR'S OFFICE
SO... I'LL TELL YOU THE SCHEDULE,
AND TRANSPORT EACH OF YOU TO YOUR STARTING POINTS.
YOUR BATTLE WILL START IN A MONTH AT STAGE 4.


IT'S THE STAGE WHERE THE TEST FOR 39F WILL TAKE PLACE.
OF COURSE YOU MUST CLEAR VARIOUS TESTS FIRST IN ORDER TO GET THERE.


CLEAR... TESTS?

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF TESTS THAT YOU MUST CLEAR ON THIS TRAIN.

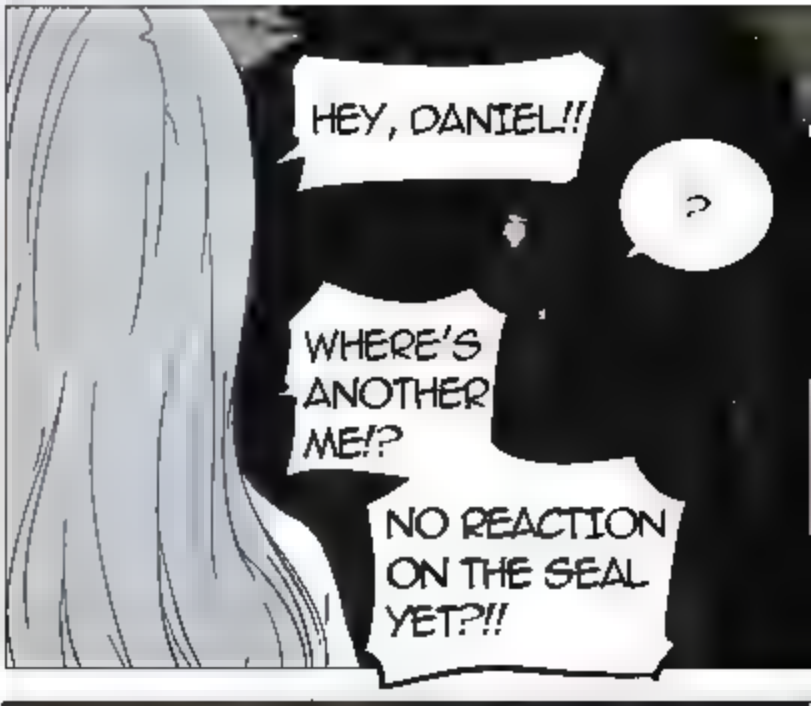
THAT'S RIGHT.
1. STAGE TEST ON EACH FLOOR. 2. MONSTERS THAT SHOW UP AT NIGHT. 3. GUARDIANS PLACED IN EACH ROOM.
STAGE
1. SINCE YOU'VE JUST GOT ON THE TRAIN, YOU MUST CLEAR THE TEST ON THIS FLOOR FIRST.
2. AFTER THAT, YOU SHOULD GET TO THE NEXT STAGE BY GETTING RID OF MONSTERS THAT APPEAR AT NIGHT.
3. THEN IN ORDER TO GET TO THE NEXT STAGE FAST AND RECEIVE A VARIOUS REWARDS, YOU MUST FIGHT GUARDIANS IN EACH ROOM.

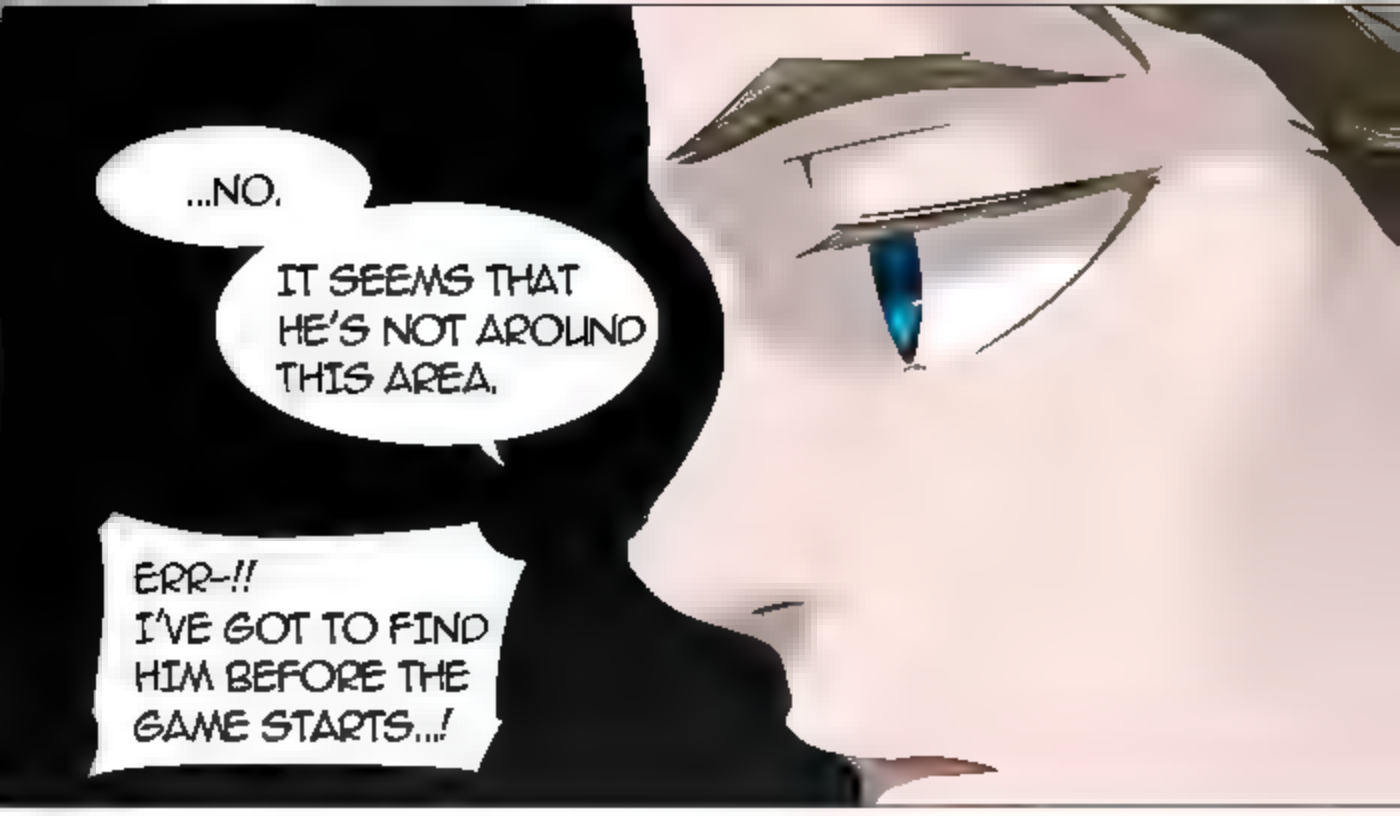
THE GAME WILL BEGIN IN A MONTH AFTER GOING THROUGH ALL THAT.
OF COURSE, IF YOU FAIL ANY OF THEM OR DON'T MAKE IT TO STAGE 4 IN A MONTH,
IT'LL BE CONSIDERED AS GIVING UP, AND ALL THE HOSTAGES WILL DIE.
.....!!
LIKE I SAID, YOU ONLY HAVE A MONTH.
IF YOU MAKE IT TO STAGE 4 BY 12 MIDNIGHT IN A MONTH,
THE SLAYER NOMINEE SELECTION GAME WILL BEGIN.

THEN,
GOOD LUCK,
BOTH OF YOU
"SLAYER NOMINEES"-
RUMBLE

DAMN IT..! KARAKA!!
HOW DARE THAT KID BREAK OUR PROMISE!?
HE SURELY PROMISED TO HELP ME RESURRECT...!
I'M GONNA KILL THEM ALL ONCE I FULLY REGAIN MY POWER!!

BECAUSE THAT BASTARDS STARTED THIS STUPID GAME,
I LOST ALL THE HOSTAGE AND VIOLE, WHO I HAD IN MY HANDS!
AND NOW THEY'VE EVEN GOT A MONTH TO GET PREPARED, HUH?!!
DAMN IT..! I SHOULD HAVE WALKED THE REVOLUTION ROAD HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO IF IT WEREN'T FOR BORO AND HIS CREW!!

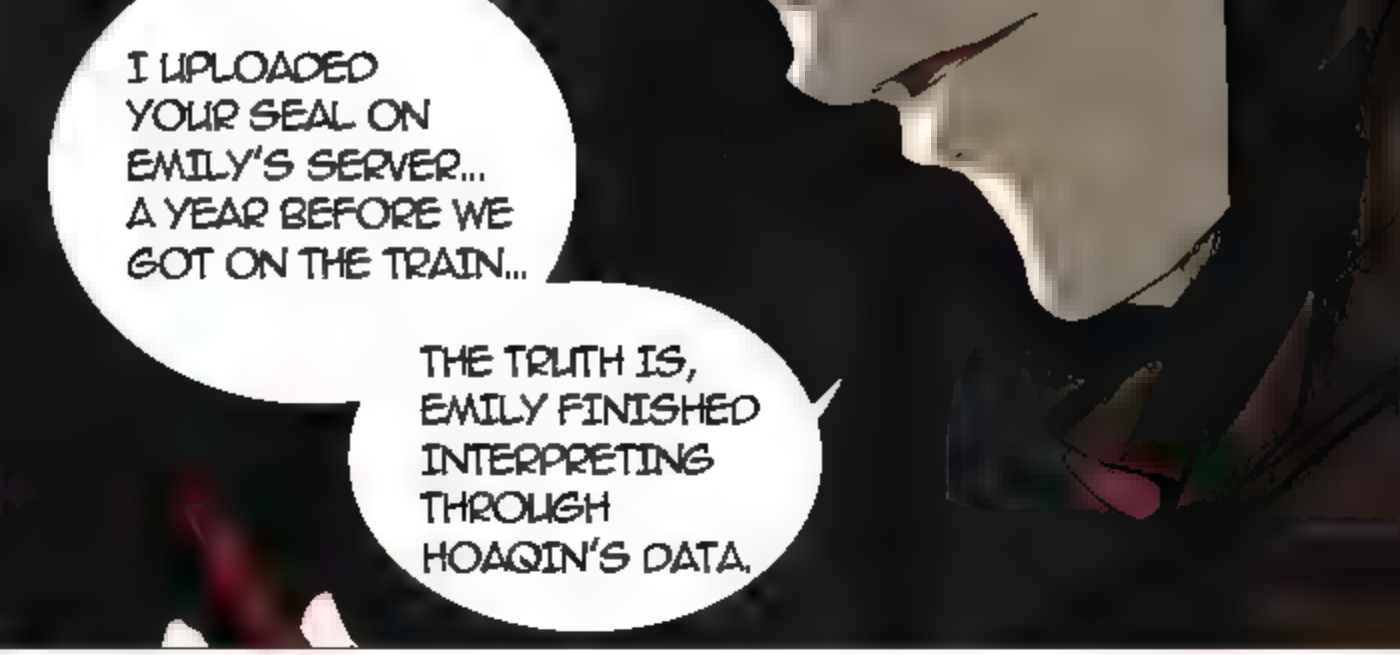

HEY, DANIEL!!
?
WHERE'S ANOTHER ME!?
NO REACTION ON THE SEAL YET?!!


...NO.
IT SEEMS THAT HE'S NOT AROUND THIS AREA.
ERR-!! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM BEFORE THE GAME STARTS...!

...IT'S STRANGE TO HEAR THAT THE SEAL ISN'T RESPONDING.

EMILY IS SAYING...
THAT THERE'S ANOTHER HOAQIN NEARBY.

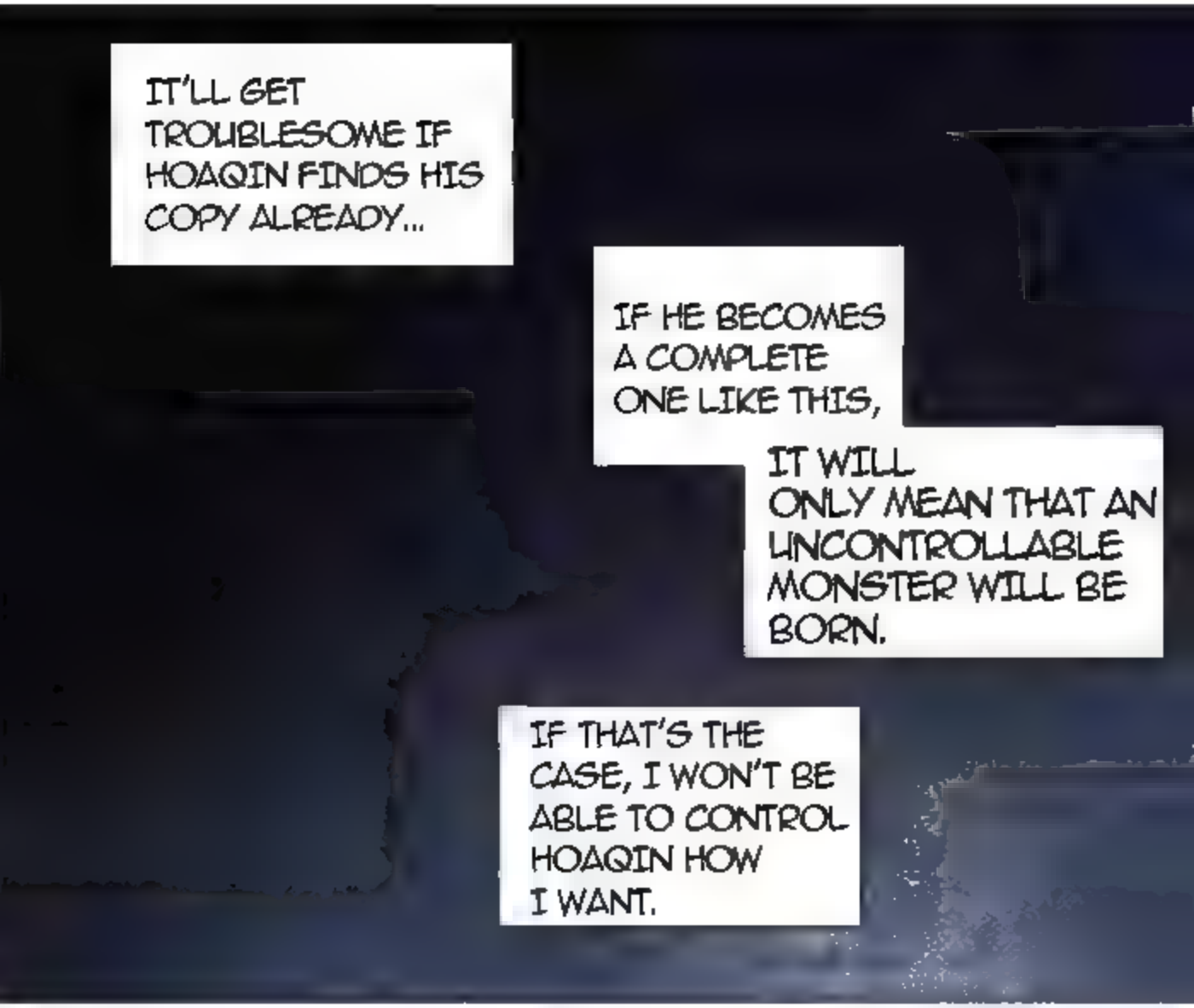
?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, RACHEL?
....WHAT?
...YOU DIDN'T FORGET, DID YOU?
I PROMISED TO HELP YOU UNDER ONE CONDITION...


I UPLOADED YOUR SEAL ON EMILY'S SERVER... A YEAR BEFORE WE GOT ON THE TRAIN...
THE TRUTH IS, EMILY FINISHED INTERPRETING THROUGH HOAQIN'S DATA.

AND EMILY IS TELLING ME NOW...
.....ALREADY..?
THAT THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER HOAQIN AROUND HERE.

IN FACT, TWO OF OUR TEAMMATES ARE ALREADY ON THEIR WAY TO FIND HIM.
WE SHOULD GET MOVING.
I...IS THAT TRUE?!

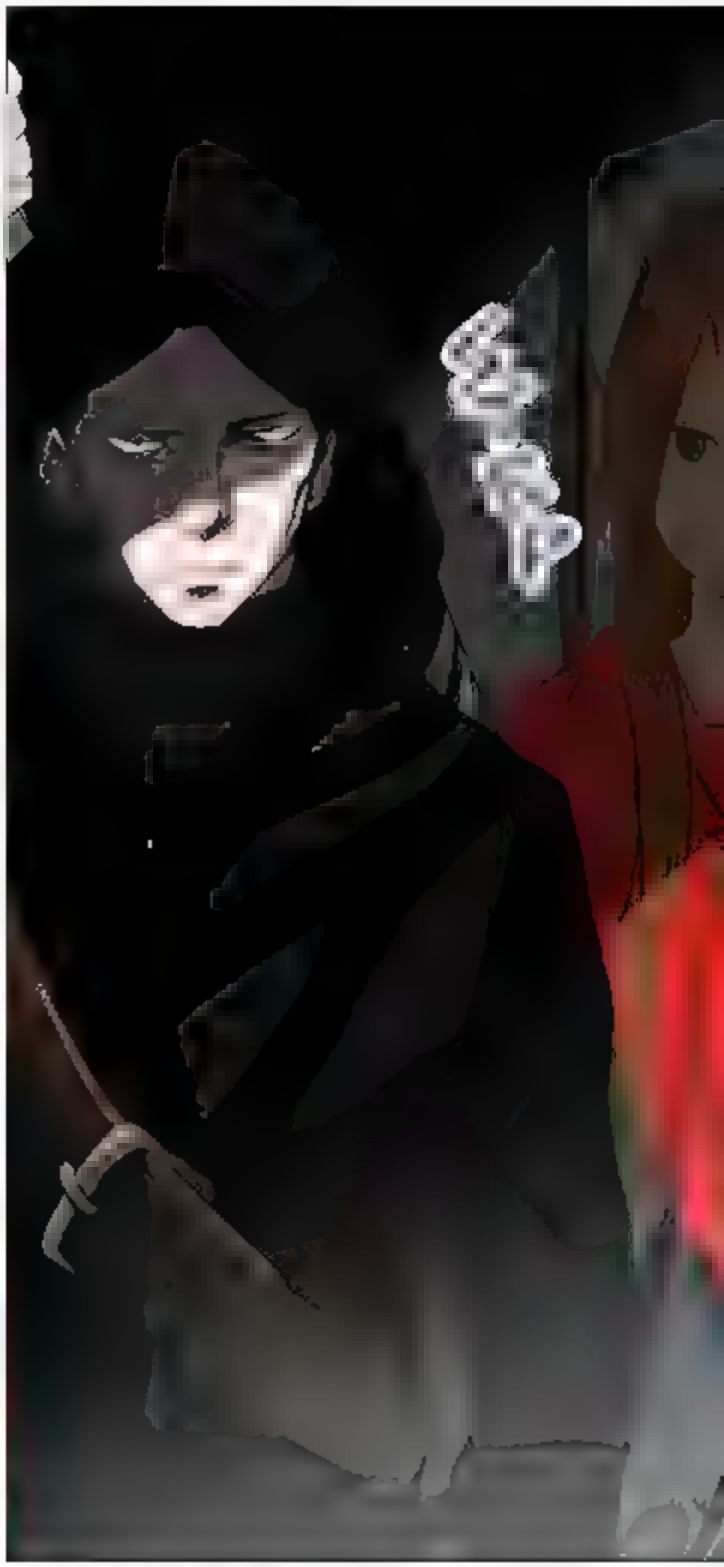
YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY USEFUL!
YOUR NAME WAS RACHEL, RIGHT? I'LL GIVE YOU A POSITION WHEN I REGAIN MY POWER!!
THANK YOU, HOAQIN.
PHT... THAT GIRL KEEPS GETTING IN THE WAY...
THINGS ARE GETTING COMPLICATED...


IT'LL GET TROUBLESOME IF HOAQIN FINDS HIS COPY ALREADY...
IF HE BECOMES A COMPLETE ONE LIKE THIS,
IT WILL ONLY MEAN THAT AN UNCONTROLLABLE MONSTER WILL BE BORN.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL HOAQIN HOW I WANT.

THE OTHER HOAQIN MUST BE FOUND... AS LATE AS POSSIBLE...!

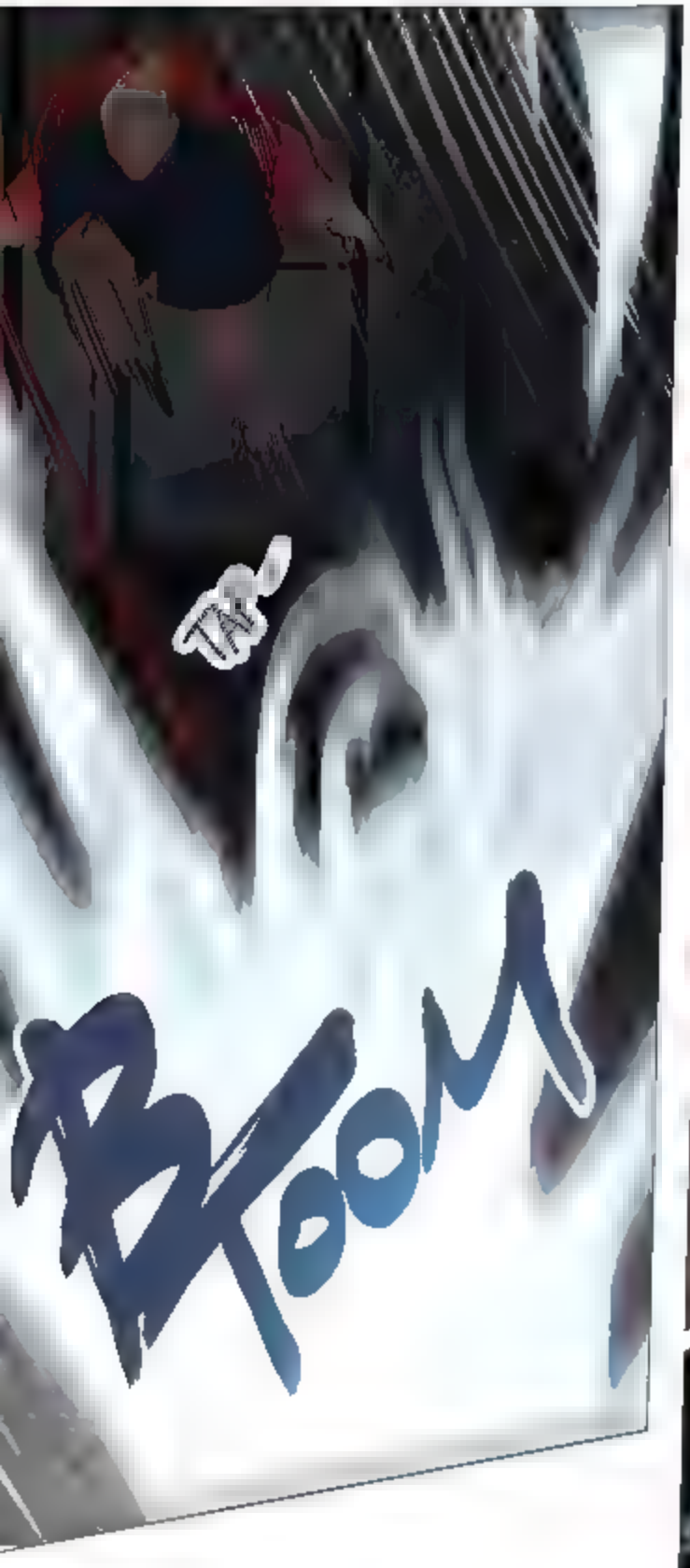
MEANWHILE
SOMEWHERE ON THE HELL TRAIN
WHAT ARE... THESE TURTLES..?
FRANKIE

FOR SOME REASON...
THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE ON OUR SIDE.



IT'S A SHAME.
'CAUSE THAT'S ALSO WHAT I WAS THINKING JUST NOW,
CROCODILE.
HMPH-

I AM NOT A CROCODILE-!!
BREAKAT
I'M RAK WRAITHRAISER-!!
SWOOSH


BOOM

WAVE?
IT'S FAST.
YOU'RE FASTER THAN I THOUGHT-

SHOOA-
TRY DODGING THIS ONE, TOO-!!

SWISH-
SWISH-
SWISH-
TRICKS-
ARE FOR KIDS, TURTLE!!

KA
BOOM
WOW...

IT DOESN'T SEEM FUN JUST TO WATCH...
!
STOMP

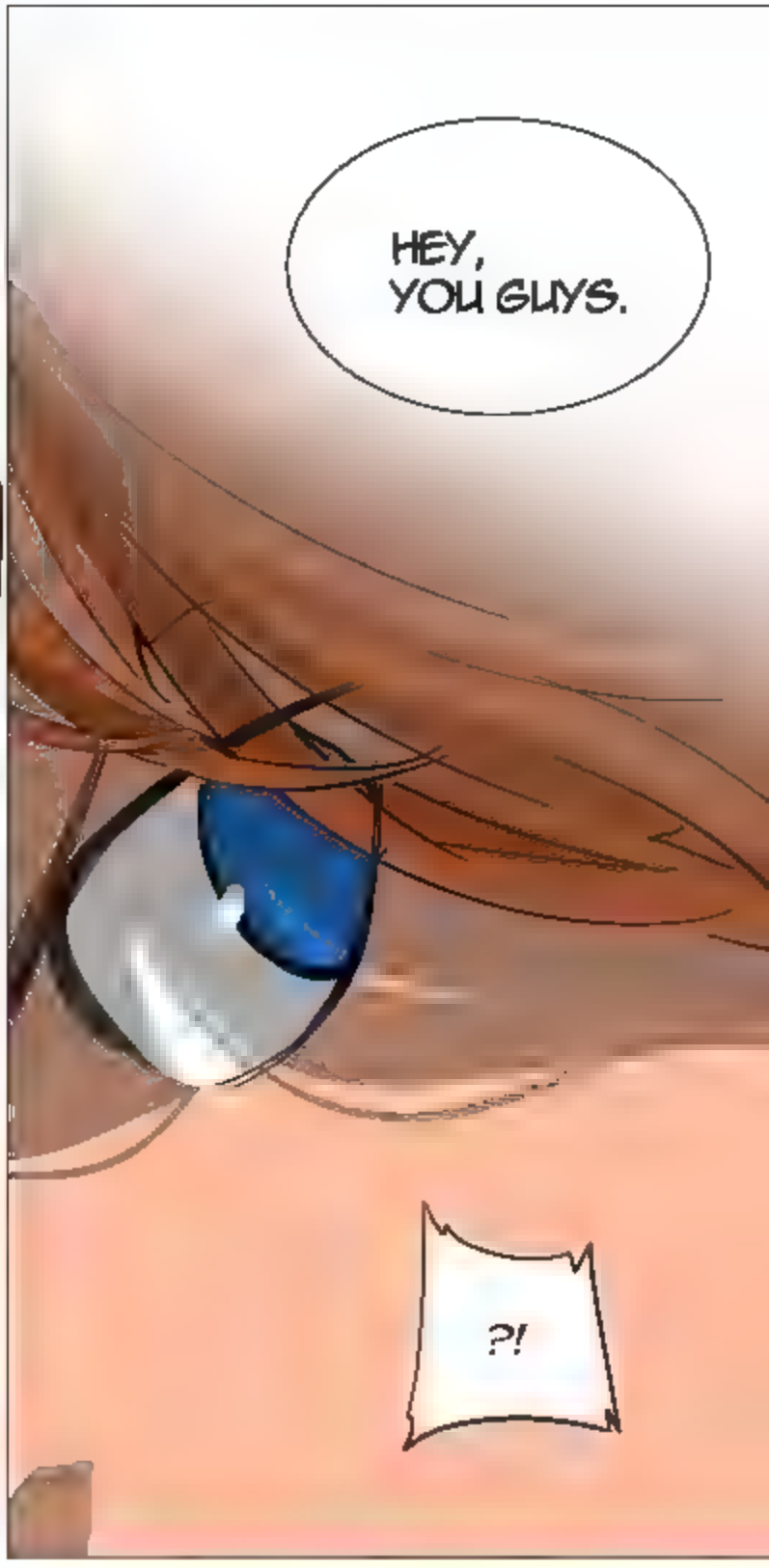
WANT ME TO PLAY WITH YOU, FATSO?
YOU'LL BE SORRY-!
CRACK

RUMBLE
!!
W...WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

COULD IT BE.. MR. BAM...?
I...I DON'T KNOW..
.....
I DON'T THINK IT'S ANOTHER ME.
LET'S GO CHECK.
HUH?! W...WAIT!!

BANG
BTOOH-
THUMP-

BOOM~
DAMN IT!!
I CAN'T APPROACH TO HER BECAUSE OF THOSE WEIRD CREATURES!
BANG


HEY, YOU GUYS.
?!

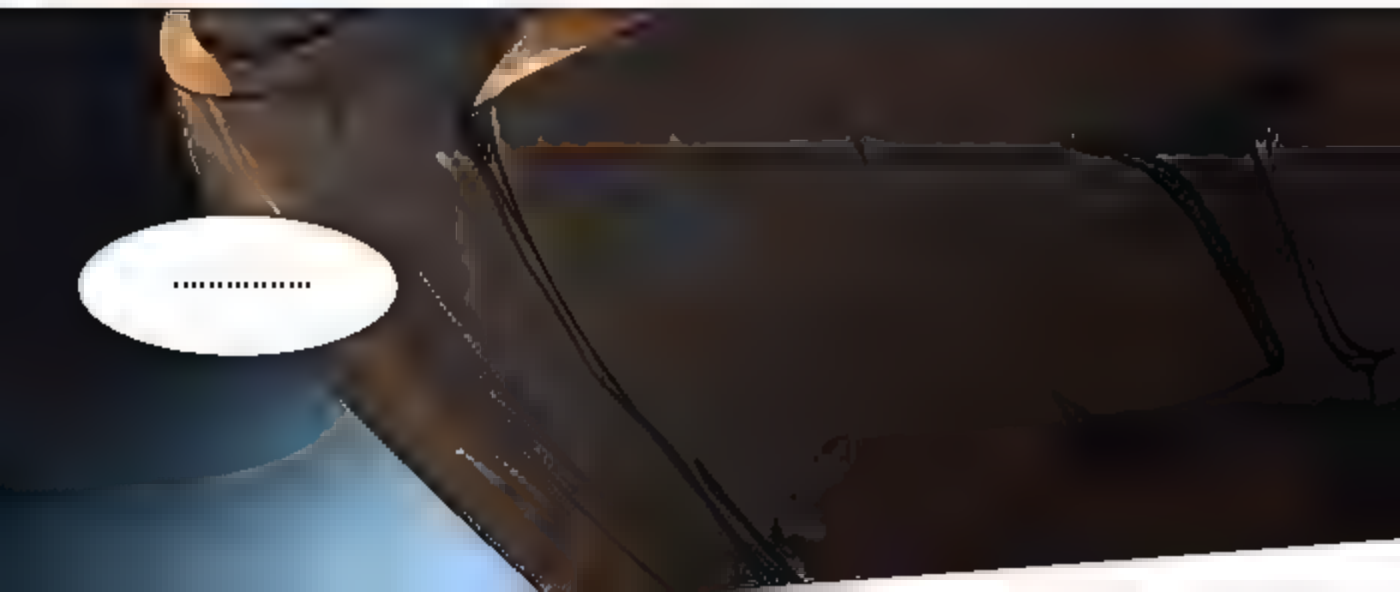
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW STUPID IT IS...
TO FIGHT SO LOUDLY ON THIS DANGEROUS TRAIN?

.....
Zoom

WHAT..
THE HELL..?

THE SEAT IS EMPTY!!
WHERE THE HELL DID THAT BASTARD GO...?!

NO IDEA..
IT WAS ALREADY EMPTY WHEN WE ARRIVED HERE.
DAMN IT..!
WERE WE TOO LATE...?!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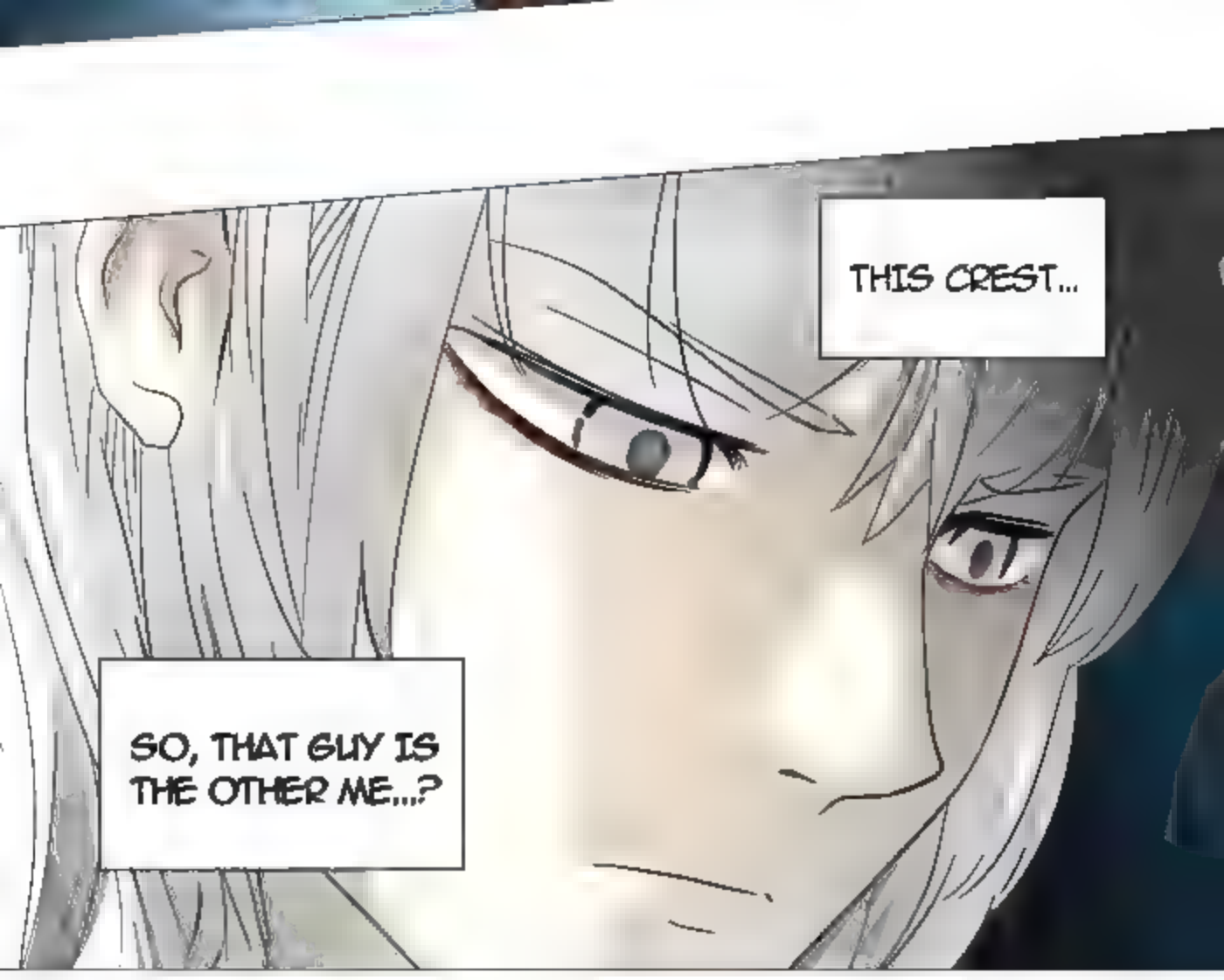
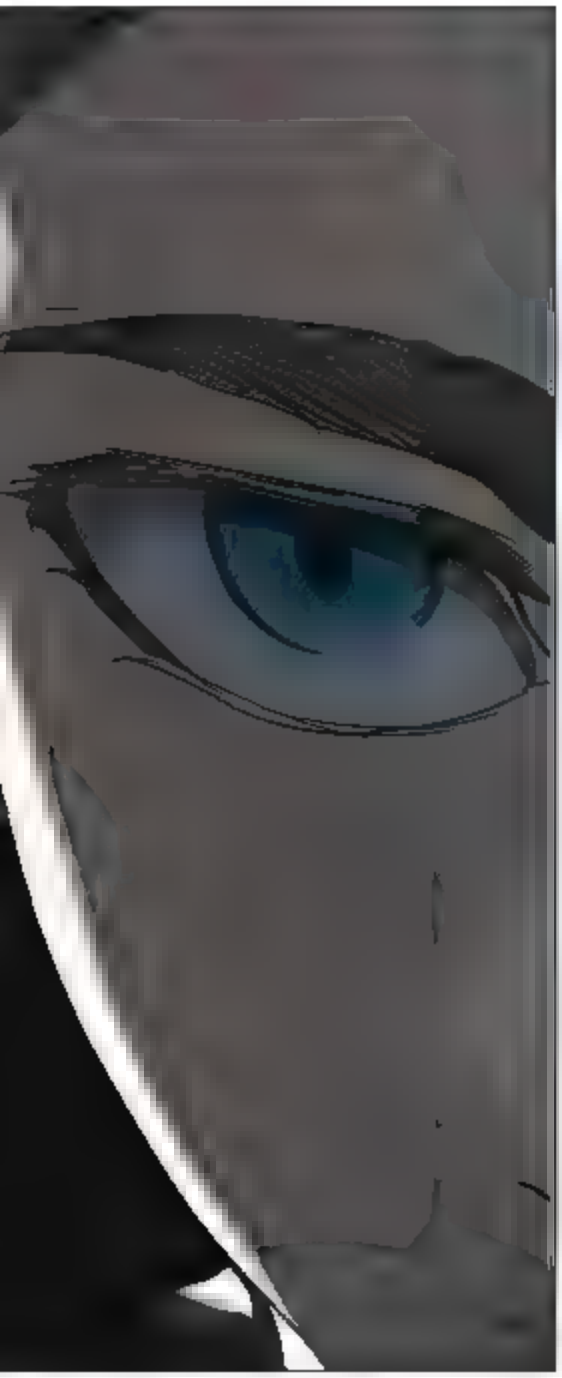
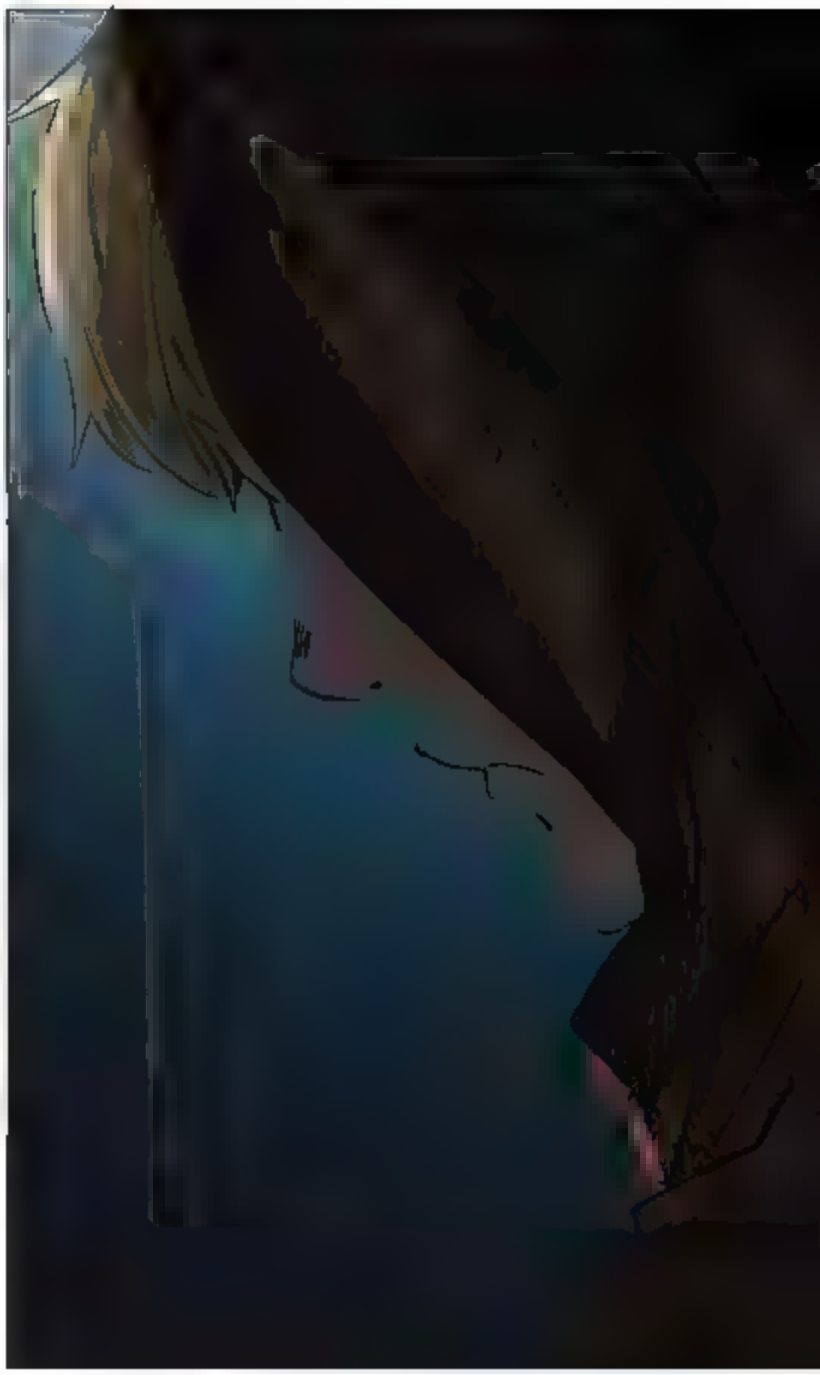

THIS CREST...
SO, THAT GUY IS THE OTHER ME...?

....
Step
Step





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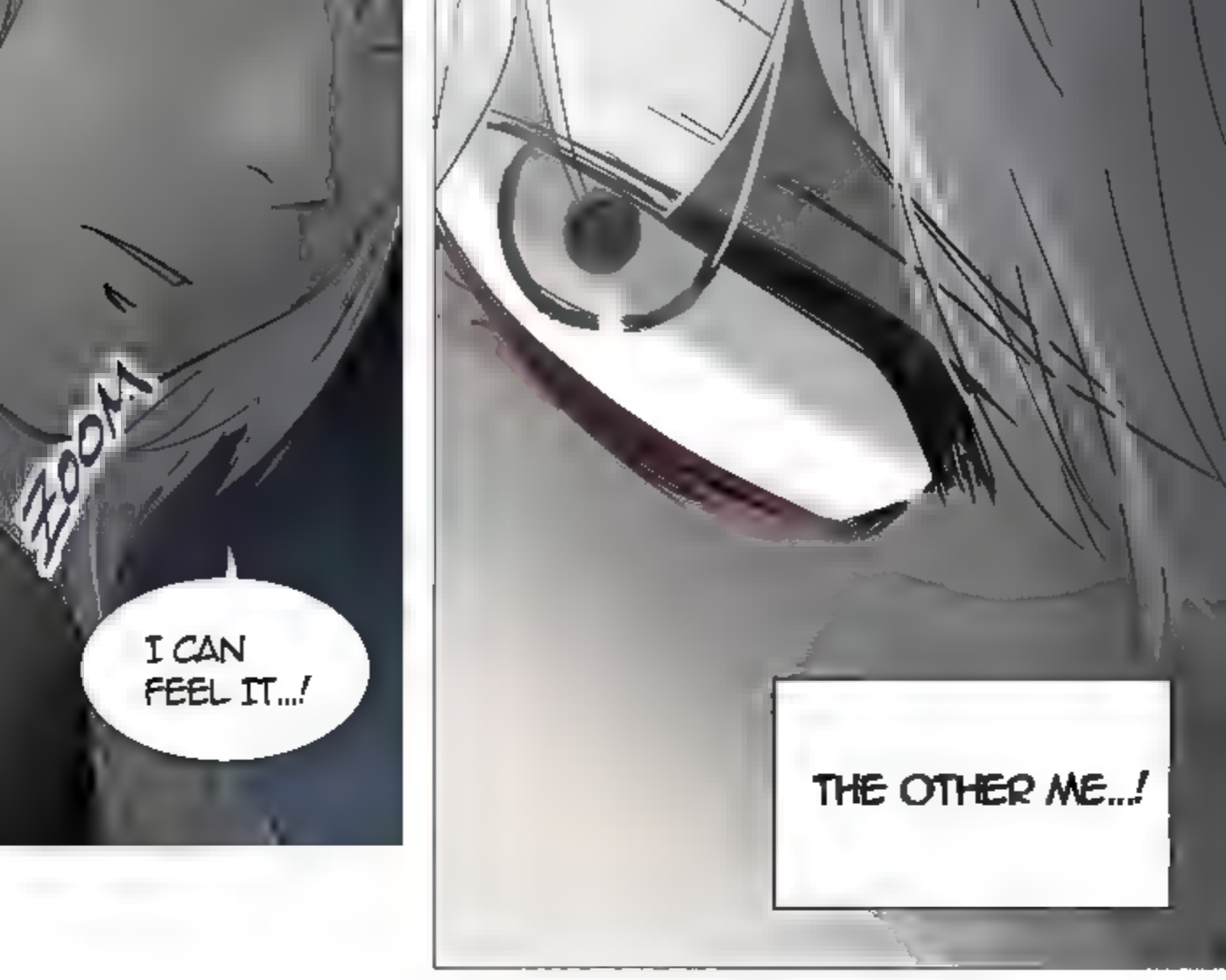
WHAT...?

I'M SURE IT'S...

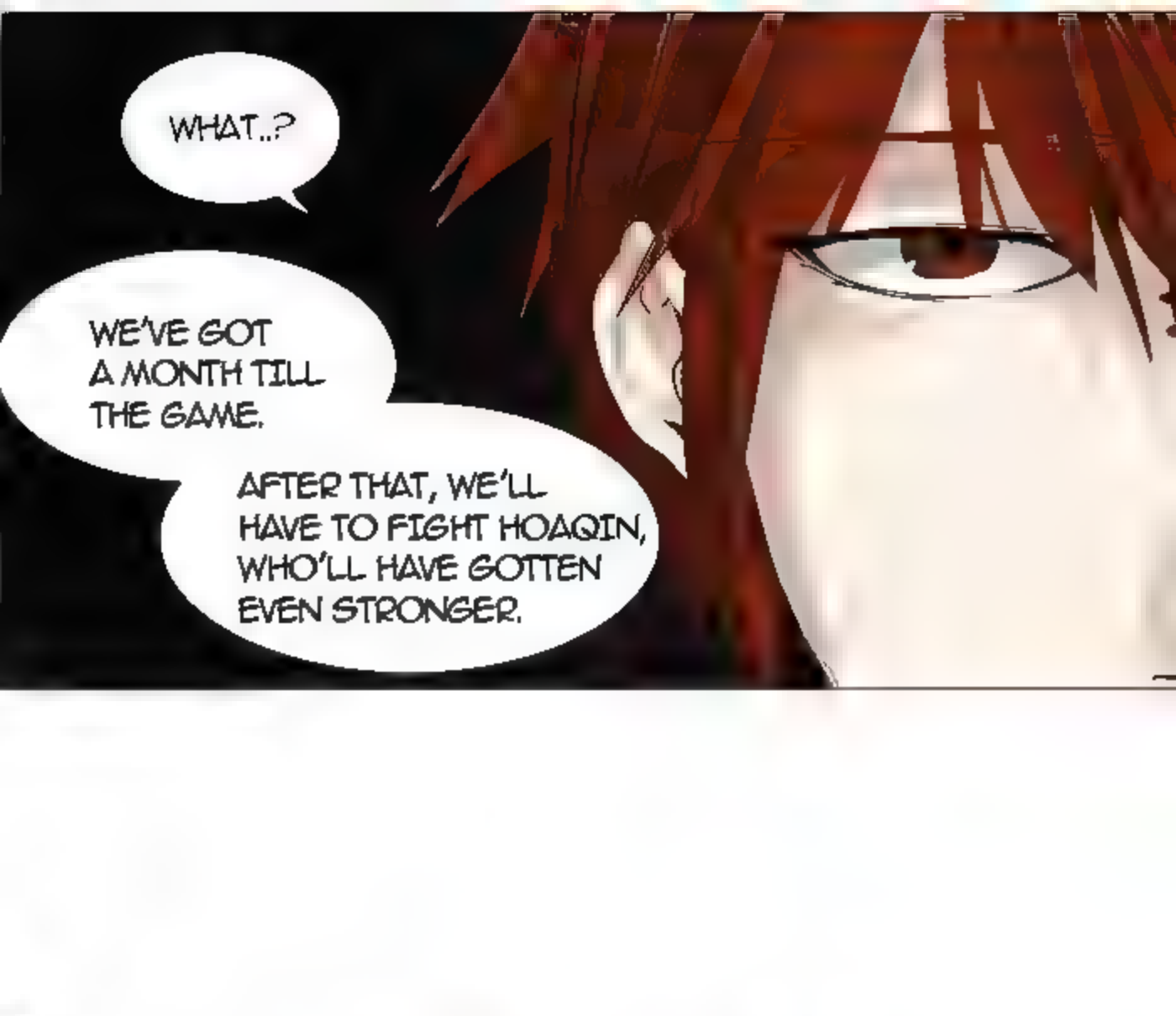


MY COPY IS NEARBY...!

IS THAT IT?
THE ENEMY OF THE STAGE WE MUST CLEAR...?

THAT'S 'YOKIM'.

IT SHOULD BE A BIT TRICKY TO DEAL WITH FOR THE FIRST TIME. LEAVE HIM TO US.
STOMP
YOU GUYS SHOULD GET SOME REST.
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU, BUT LET'S DO THAT AFTER WE CLEAR THIS STAGE.
STOMP
.....!
NO.
YOU GUYS STAY THERE.
VIOLE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT... ON HIS OWN.


WHAT..?
WE'VE GOT A MONTH TILL THE GAME.
AFTER THAT, WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT HOAQIN, WHO'LL HAVE GOTTEN EVEN STRONGER.

THIS GAME IS THE "SLAYER NOMINEE SELECTION GAME".
IT WILL BE A FIGHT BETWEEN HOAQIN AND VIOLE WITHOUT ANYONE HELPING.
AND A MONTH IS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO PREPARE FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHILE AVOIDING DANGEROUS FACTORS.

W...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WILL MAKE BAM STRONG ENOUGH TO BEAT HOAQIN IN A MONTH?!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! WE MUST ALL FIGHT...!
THAT WON'T MEAN ANYTHING
BECAUSE THIS IS NOT "THAT KIND OF GAME".
THERE'S A HIGH POSSIBILITY THAT THE GAME COMING UP IN A MONTH WILL BE ALL ABOUT HOAQIN AND VIOLE.
SO, ALL YOUR LIVES WILL DEPEND ON VIOLE'S STRENGTH.
T...THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
HAVING THE HOSTAGE ON THEIR SIDE,
OUR BEST CHANCE OF SURVIVING HERE
LIES ON HOW MUCH VIOLE WILL IMPROVE TO THE POINT WHERE HE CAN BE A MATCH FOR HOAQIN.

SO, FOR THE NEXT MONTH,
WE'RE LEAVING ALL THE BATTLES THAT GO ON THE TRAIN TO VIOLE HIMSELF.
WHAT!?

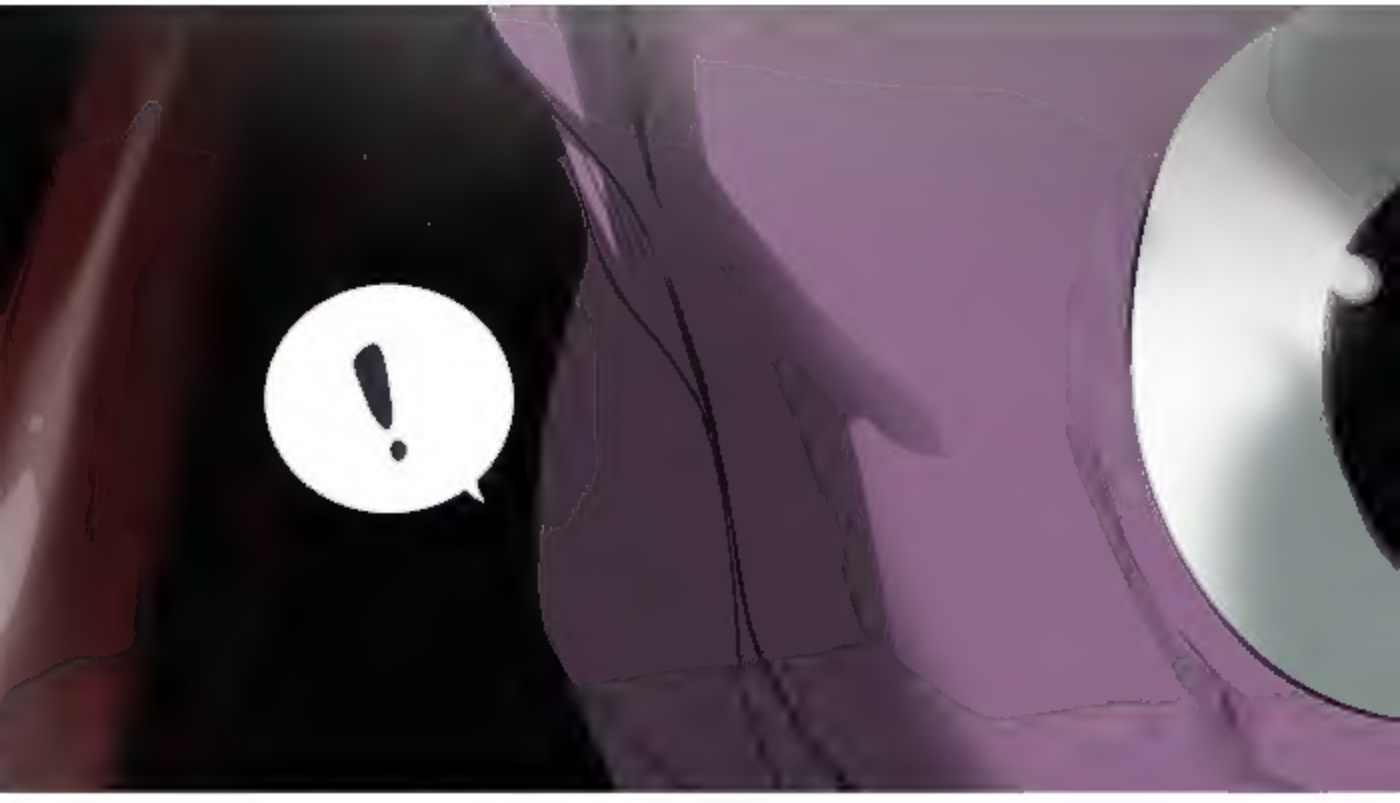
WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THAT?!
BAM ISN'T EVEN IN NORMAL CONDITION RIGHT NOW!

ALL OF THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU WENT AROUND CHASING RACHEL.

THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY TO THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS. THEY ALMOST GOT ME, TOO.
AM I WRONG, VIOLE?
YOU PUT YOUR COMRADES IN DANGER WHILE GOING AFTER RACHEL OUT OF YOUR GREED,
AND YOU'RE NOW ABOUT TO BE TAKEN BACK TO FLIG WHERE YOU BARELY MANAGED TO GET AWAY FROM.
YOU MAY THINK THAT YOU'RE GOING UP THE TOWER WITH A DIFFERENT OBJECTIVE FROM OTHERS, BUT
IN MY OPINION, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS CHASING AFTER STUPID THINGS WHILE NOT THINKING ABOUT OTHERS.

.....
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT YOU START CARING ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU?
IN A MONTH, YOU MUST BEAT HOAQIN ON YOUR OWN NO MATTER WHAT.
IF YOU EVEN FEEL "THE SMALLEST AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY" FOR THOSE AROUND YOU.
.....
UNDERSTOOD.

STEP-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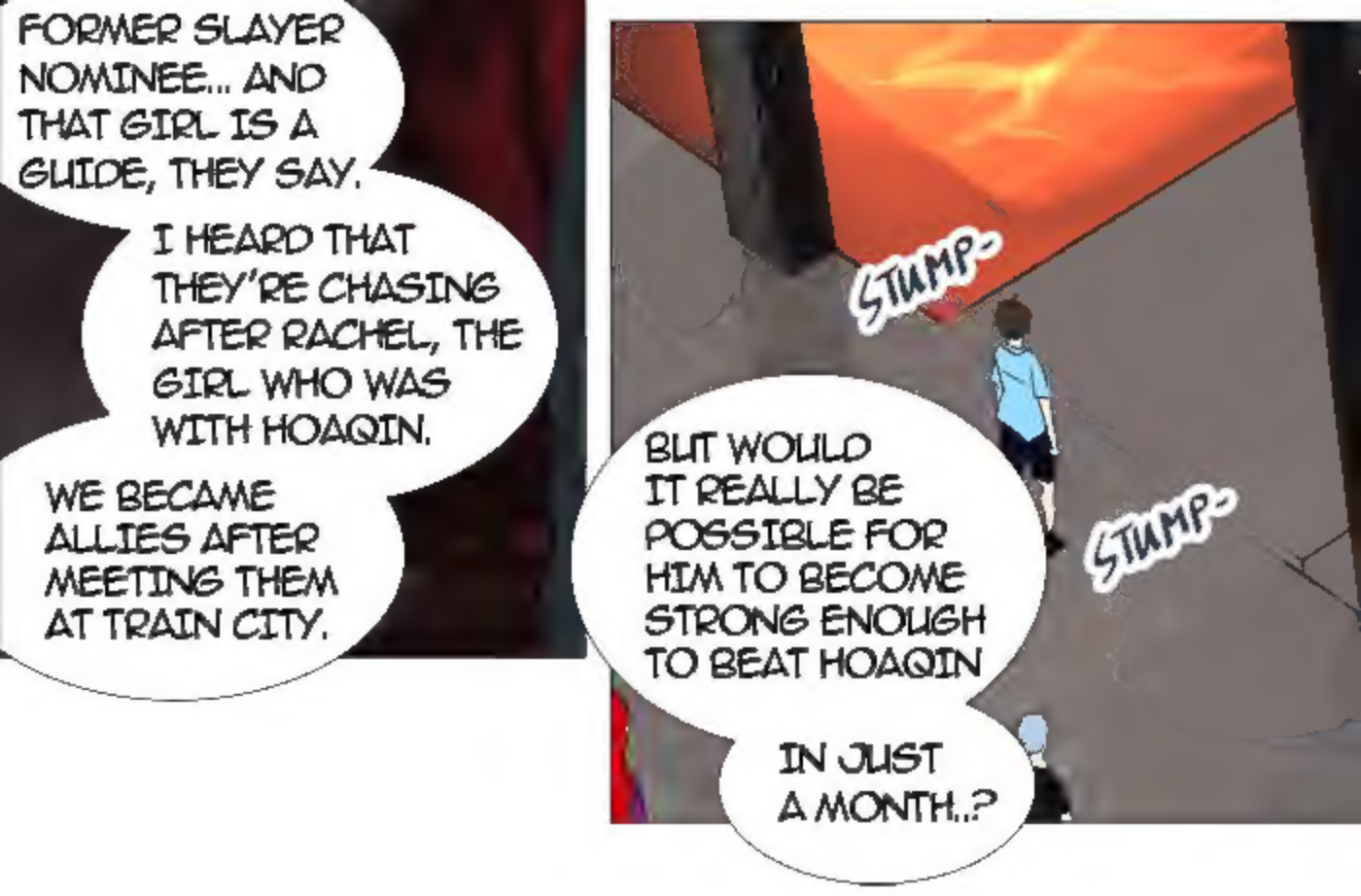
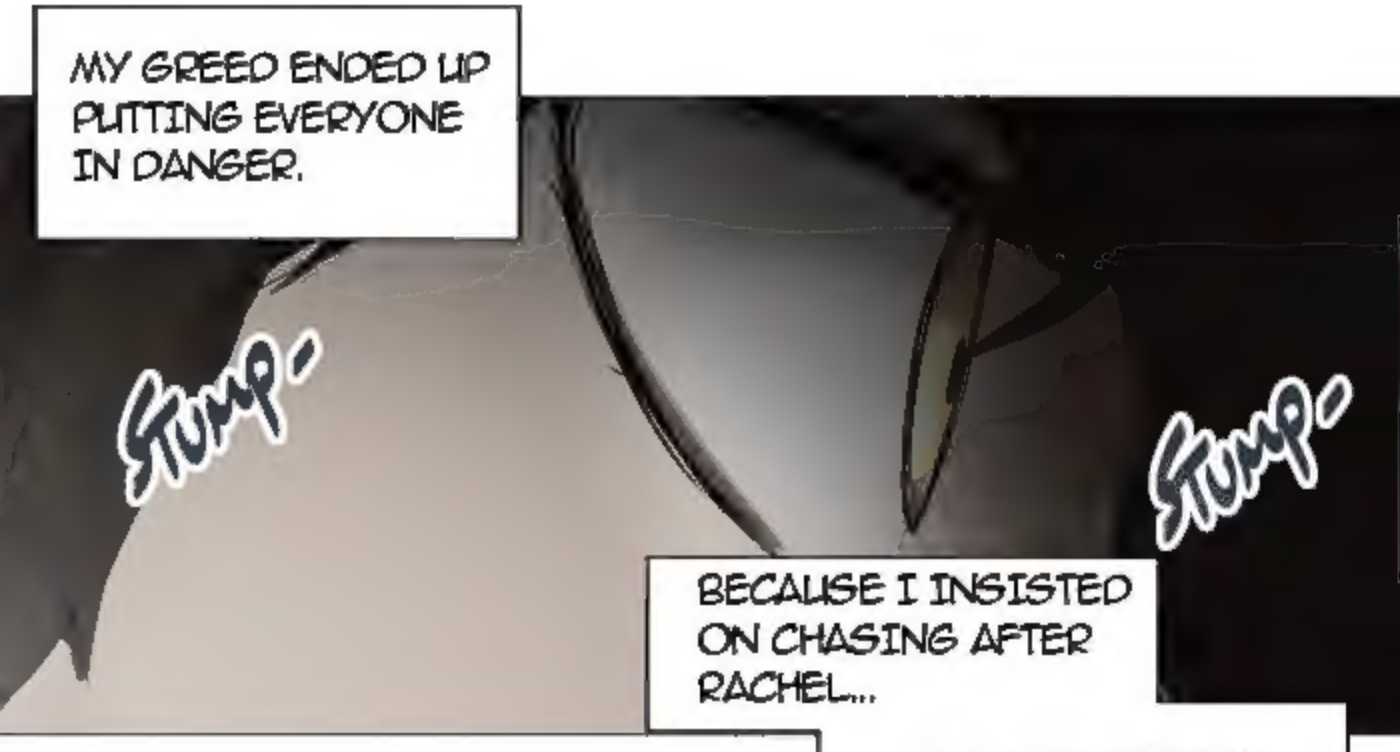
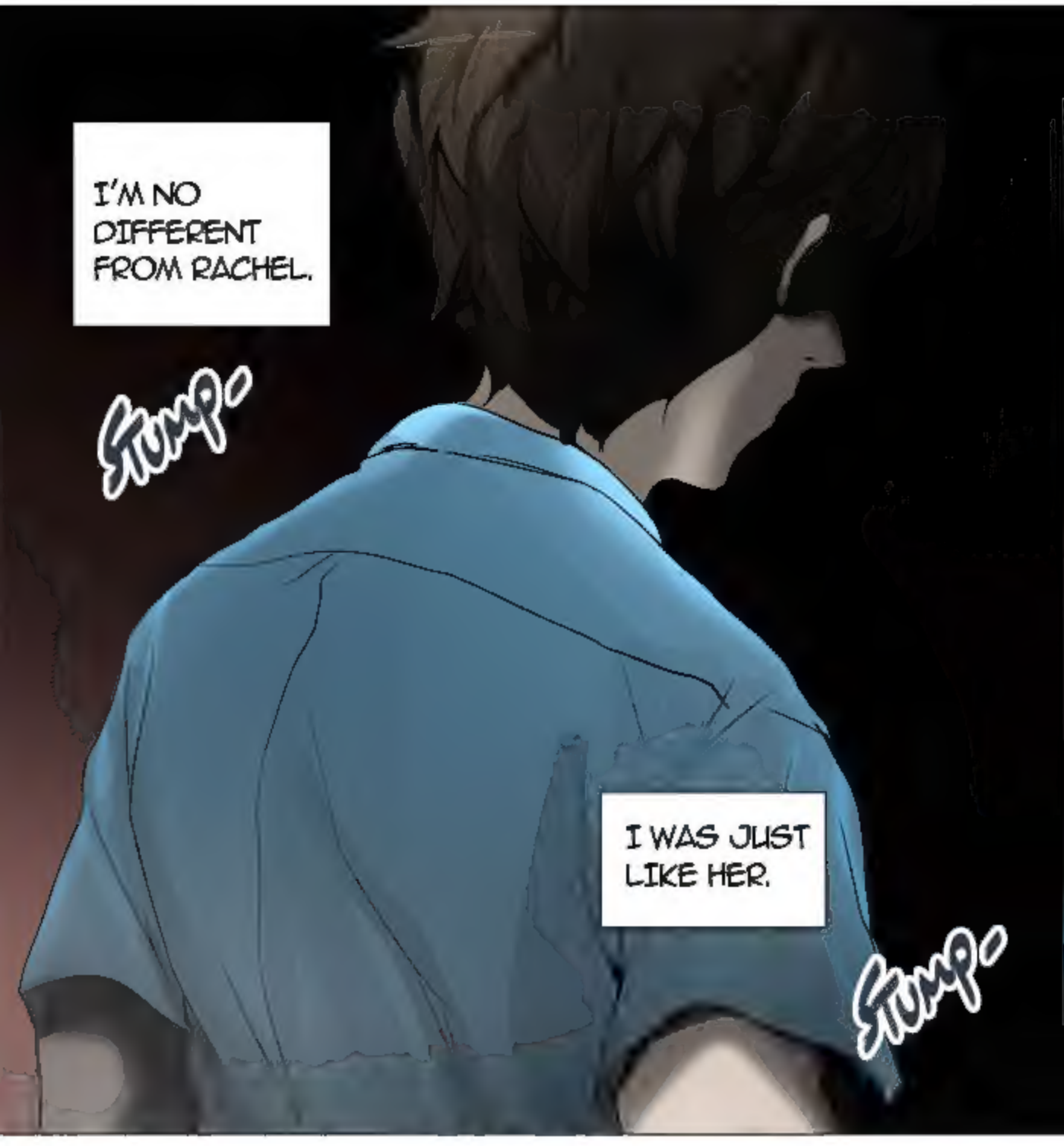
...WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?

..A SLAYER NOMINEE..
....I SEE...
HE'S NOT JUST ANY ORDINARY KID.


FORMER SLAYER NOMINEE... AND THAT GIRL IS A GUIDE, THEY SAY.
I HEARD THAT THEY'RE CHASING AFTER RACHEL, THE GIRL WHO WAS WITH HOAQIN.
WE BECAME ALLIES AFTER MEETING THEM AT TRAIN CITY.
STUMP-
STUMP-
BUT WOULD IT REALLY BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO BEAT HOAQIN
IN JUST A MONTH..?


MY GREED ENDED UP PUTTING EVERYONE IN DANGER.
STUMP-
STUMP-
BECAUSE I INSISTED ON CHASING AFTER RACHEL...
ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND ME ARE IN DANGER NOW...



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